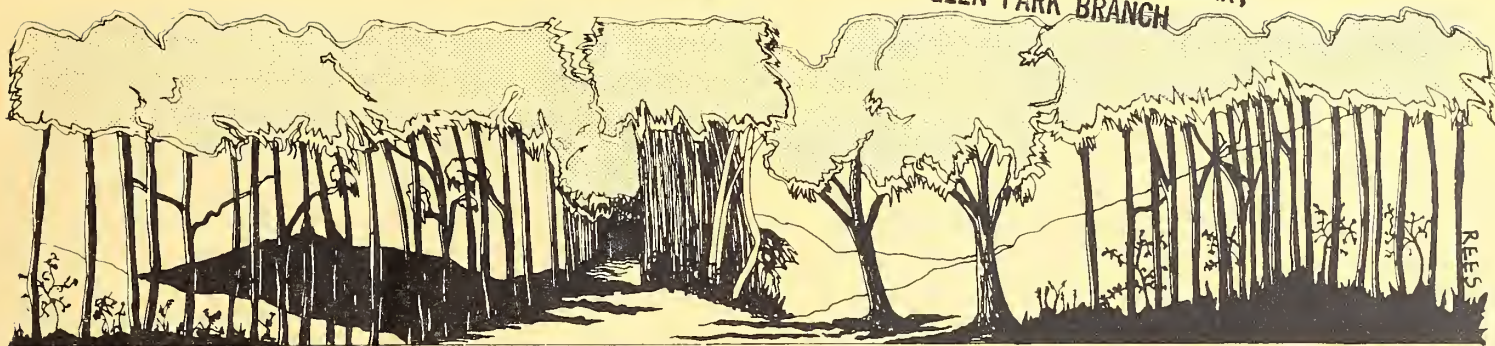




GLEN PARK NEWS

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Neighborhood Treescape Competition

Grown your own urban forest! San Francisco Friends of the Urban Forest is sponsoring a Neighborhood Treescape Competition this summer under a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. The purpose of the design competition is to encourage San Francisco residents to develop imaginative ways of using trees to enhance neighborhood identity.

This contest offers you and your neighbors the chance to win up to 125 free street trees as you beautify your environment. Simply get together with your neighbors and create a plan which shows where you would add trees to your streets or other public spaces in your neighborhood to capture and celebrate the special character of your community.

Trees improve the quality of urban life. Trees can clean the air, reduce noise, soften glare, screen harsh development, attract shoppers to commercial areas, create comfortable and attractive outdoor spaces, raise residential property values without raising assessments, increase neighborhood pride and lift the human spirit.

The Glen Park Contact Person for the competition is Lenda Barth. Call 647-4846 or 621-TREE for more information.



Glen Park Fun Run Coming

If you missed this year's Bay to Breakers or the San Francisco Marathon, don't fret, because Sunday morning, October 10, 1982 will mark the second annual running of the Glen Park Fun Run!

This year, runners will have a choice of entering either a two-mile run or a longer run which will measure approximately four miles. Both routes will take in historic sites of the Glen Park area.

All registered runners will receive a colorful Glen Park T-shirt and a one-year membership to the Glen Park Association. The top three male and female finishers will receive place ribbons, and all registered runners will have a chance to win prizes donated by local merchants.

Registration forms will be in the next issue of the News and will also be available through our local merchants. Volunteers are needed to assist in the planning of this event and on the day of the run. Those who would like to help should contact either Steve or Nancy Arcelona at 334-4252.

REMEMBER, Sunday October 10, 10:00 a.m.!!

Adopt a Tree!

A plan is being drawn up to plant some trees and to make some improvements to the entrance areas of Glen Canyon Park. In order to win trees for these spaces, Glen Park residents must pledge to care for them. Would you be willing to adopt a tree? Please call Lenda Barth at 647-4846.

Arlington Street Residents Secure Open Space

Glen Park residents of Arlington Street are to be congratulated for winning the first round on their battle to keep the portion of Lot 23, Block 6689, as an open space area. This lot runs along Arlington Street between Miguel Street and Highland Avenue.

Lucien Blazej, a nearby neighbor, advised some Arlington Street residents that the fate of the lot was to be on an upcoming City Planning Department agenda. In a matter of days, Arlington Street residents organized their forces. Lea Schermerhorn, Ray Erdman and others arrived at the City Planning meeting with six letters in hand from others on the block. At this and a following meeting, their clout was felt. It was agreed that the city would not sell the parcel for development. In exchange, the residents agreed to maintain the property. Community maintenance was allowed because the Departments of Public Works and Park and Recreation had no funds for its upkeep. In fact, Ray Erdman, along with some of the kids on the block, had already been mowing, weeding and cleaning the lot for several years. Other neighbors see no problem in doing this work on a regular basis.

Ideas for development of the lot are coming into focus. Residents have suggested that benches be installed, that a small children's playground be constructed and that some modest landscaping be done. Access to city water and the need for insurance must be investigated next.

One group of Arlington Street residents is working on a plan to win trees for this open space and for the street through the Neighborhood Landscape Competition sponsored by the San Francisco Friends of the Urban Forest. If you would like to become involved, call Lenda Barth at 647-4846.

Next GPA Board Meetings

Tuesday, August 17
Tuesday, September 21

7:30 p.m.

Glen Park Recreation Center

All interested residents are welcome
to attend the meeting.

Precautionary Burning

On July 20, 1982, the Executive Board of the Glen Park Association voted to endorse the concept of limited precautionary burning in Glen Canyon Park. The policy of blanket precautionary burning on the hillsides of Glen Canyon Park was rejected. Precautionary burn-off should be conducted after a fire department official has inspected the park and determined which specific areas, if set on fire accidentally, would pose a danger to the entire park and its trees and structures and to adjacent private properties. Fire breaks should be made rather than whole areas destroyed. The Board believes such a restrained policy by the fire department will serve the public's concern both for safety and for protection of the beauty of the park.

Meanwhile, a precautionary burn-off got away from the fire department again, this time on the open space triangle bordered by Arlington Street and the San Jose Ave. off-ramp. While dismayed residents watched, small, recently planted Monterey Cypress trees were destroyed when the fire department failed to extinguish the blaze quickly enough. It has been promised that Park and Rec. will supply Arlington Street residents with new trees to replace those burned, provided they plant them, again.



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TO ASSUME OR NOT TO ASSUME ?

Attend Our SEMINAR

Saturday, October 2

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30 Monterey Blvd San Francisco 94131

Glen Park Library

Everything was upbeat at the GLEN PARK GALA, July 17, at the BART station, which was organized by local residents and the Coalition To Save Branch Libraries. It was social protest with an artistic flair and involved everyone from the young to senior citizens. There was a street fair, a jazz group, a puppet show, mimes, a classical group, dancers, and, of course, satire. All proceedings were recorded on video tape for later showing at the Glen Park library.

Many people worked very hard in order to advertise and to support the retention of branch libraries. Many more people have expressed concern and continue to help by writing to Mayor Feinstein and the Board of Supervisors and by sending letters to Assemblymen Art Agnost and Leo T. McCarthy in support of SB358, the California Library Funding Bill. (Address letters to Assembly Ways and Means Comm., California State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.)

Do you have your library card yet? Stop in at the newly-remodeled Glen Park branch library and see and read what's happening. Use It or Lose It!

Fairmont School Needs Help

The Fairmount School Fair should have been held last May 8th. The parents of the P.T.A. had envisioned a fair where kids could have fun and where community residents and school folks could mingle, where a little money could be made to support the school's activities or to buy some equipment.

Unfortunately, only a very few parents volunteered to help organize and supervise the event.

Deanna Hernandez, President of the Fairmount P.T.A., said, "Cancelling the fair is a consequence of the problem in our school - it is very difficult to get parents involved. We have had meetings with an attendance of three.

"There are ways we can be involved in our children's education. For example, some parents are able to give time in the

classroom and others support the fund-raisers by purchasing whatever the children are selling. But we need more people willing to give a little of their time to committees. These committees are necessary to organize and to direct school-wide projects such as the fair," she explained.

"I want to say something about parents who work outside the home. Many parents seem to feel that if they work, they do not have time to help at school. All of this year's P.T.A. officers, including myself, work. But we must take time for our children too. Their education suffers when parents are not involved in promoting it."

Ms. Hernandez continued, "The com-

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Due Date

The deadline for receipt of news items, letters, and camera-ready ads for the AUGUST-SEPTEMBER issue is

August 20, 1982

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munity can also become active at Fairmount School. Volunteers in our classrooms would always be welcome. People who speak Spanish, Chinese and other languages would be especially helpful. Community members would give a new and perhaps exciting outlook to our programs. In fact, our school could become the hub of our neighborhood. Meetings could be held for public interest. Social occasions would enhance our community spirit," she concluded.

Parents of Fairmount School children and any community members who would like to offer a little time and energy should contact Deanna at 282-9420.

Shorts

Congratulations to G.P.A. Corresponding Secretary, Jane Mutony, and husband Tony. They are the proud parents of Michael George Mutony, born July 9, 1982.

Ruth Gravanis has agreed to be the G.P.A. Representative to the Coalition of San Francisco Neighborhoods. Thanks again, Ruth.

Single Parents Group

Several single parent members of St. Aidan's Church, 101 Gold Mine Drive (at the corner of Diamond Heights Blvd.) are setting about the formation of a group or network for single parents. The purpose of the group will be to serve the various needs of single parent families. Thoughts and plans will be shared at the first meeting to be held during August. If you would like to participate or to be notified of activities, please call the church office at 285-9540.

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